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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR CRACK COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

Durn C. Smith, Jr., 28, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to 19 years, seven months in federal prison without parole.

On Nov. 26, 2003, **Smith** pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine. **Smith** was stopped by Kansas City, Mo., police officers while driving on March 15, 2003, and found to be in possession of 25.41 grams of crack cocaine, Graves said. He was in possession of 26.33 grams of crack cocaine when stopped again by police on Aug. 5, 2003. Police officers also recovered 7.14 grams of crack cocaine while serving a search warrant at **Smith's** home. **Smith** admitted that he intended to distribute at least some of the crack cocaine.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kate Mahoney. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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